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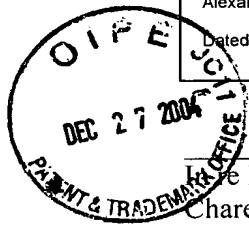
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JULY 26, 2004 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The United States Patent and Trademark Office issued a non-final Office Action dated July 26, 2004. A response was due on October 26, 2004. Applicants are concurrently requesting a two-month extension with this response. Accordingly, the new deadline is now December 26, 2004. However, since December 26, 2004 is a Sunday, a response filed on Monday, December 27, 2004 is considered timely, under 37 C.F.R. 1.7. Therefore this amendment is being timely filed. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.